

REMARKS

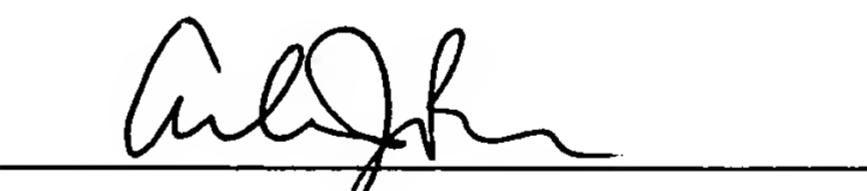
Claim 7, 23, 24, 25 and 29 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The claims have been amended to obviate the Examiner's rejections.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 21, 22, 27 and 28 are allowed. Additionally, the Examiner has indicated that claims 5, 6, 18-17, 20, 26 and 30 have been objected to as being dependent upon a base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The claims have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's request.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the amended claims and the claims dependent therefrom are in proper form. Thus, claims 5-7, 18-17, 20, 23-25, 29 and 30 are considered to be patently distinguishable over the prior art of record.

The application is now considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early indication of same is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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